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1. SOUTH KOREAN MISSION, INCLUDING AMBASSADOR TO KENY
HAKOO YEON AND "SPECIAL ENVOY OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF KOREA" YONG CHOO KIM ARRIVED GABORONE JULY 10
FOR TWO-DAY VISIT TO PRESENT SOUTH KOREAN CASE TO GOVERNMENT OF
BOTSWANA. DURING VISIT THEY MET WITH VICE PRESIDENT MASIRE
AND MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MOGWE. YEON HELD RECEPTION
JULY 11 WHICH ATTENDED BY MINISTER MOGWE, MINISTER AGRICULTURE
MASISI, AND ASSORTED MIDDLE LEVEL GOB OFFICIALS.

2. MISSION DEBRIEFED BY AMBASSADOR AND DCM AT RECEPTION.
YEON SAID THAT BOTSWANA OFFICIALS WERE -"TOUGH" AND RAISED
NUMBER OF QUESTIONS. GOB WONDERED ABOUT NEED TO DELAY
DISSOLUTION OF THE UN COMMAND UNTIL JANUARY 1976. ACCORDING
TO KIM MOGWE AT ONE POINT RAISED QUESTION ABOUT
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PRESENCE OF U.S. FORCES IN SOUTH KOREA. YEON RECOGNIZED

THAT A GOOD PART OF THE BASIS FOR BOTSWANA' POSITION IS THE INFLUENCE OF ZAMBIA AND TANZANIA IN THE CONTEXT OF THE DEVELOPMENTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. YEON ALSO SAID HE WILL BE RETURNING SOON FOR CONTINUED EFFORTS WITH BOTSWANA GOVERNMENT. WE ENCOURAGED HIM TO DO SO. YEON AND KIM GAVE AMBASSADOR COPIES OF "STATEMENT BY THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS DATED SEOUL JUNE 27, 1975" AND THE TEXT OF DRAFT RESOLUTION REFERRED TO IN REFTEL A.

3. COMMENT: YEON'S ASSESSMENT OF THE IMPACT OF ZAMBIAN AND TANZANIAN INFLUENCE IS CERTAINLY ACCURATE. GOB IS PROCCUPIED WITH EVENT IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, NAMELY RHODESIA, AND FOR REASONS ADVANCED PARA 5 REF B, IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO PERSUADE IT TO ACT OUT OF CONCERT WITH ITS CLOSE ALLIES ON AN ISSUE IT DOES NOT CONSIDER VITAL. IT IS WORTH REITERATING, HOWEVER, THAT BOTSWANA PERM REP AT UN IN NEW YORK COULD HAVE SIGNIFICANT INFLUENCE ON DECISION-MAKING AND IS WORTH APPROACHING ON THIS ISSUE.

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